

The Old Gentlewomans last Legacy

Other Sons and Daughters upon her Death-Bed, a little before she departed out of this World. With her good Instructions, that she gave them to live a godly sober Life, for the good of their own Souls, till God call them out of this VVorld.

Tune of My bleeding Heart.

Licensed according to Order.



My own dear Children understand,
I would wish you to obey your Mother's
You see my Sickness in my Bed, (command
I sink on my words when I am dead;
Fear God and keep up his Command,
All things will prosper you take in hand.

Avoid bad company and make no strife,
And be careful how you lead your life;
And be charitable to the poor, (doz,
Then God's Blessing will ne'er depart your
Fear God, &c.

Keep God's Commandments night and day,
Then you'll be out of danger every way,
And love him truly in your heart,
Then of Heaven you'll have your part.
Fear God, &c.

In your Maker ever put your trust,
And forsake all works that are unjust,
And defraud not any man I say,
But know your own then every way.
Fear God, &c.

Keep a clear Conscience that is pure,
Then Gods mercy will to you endure,
Slander no man in any case,
For a lying tongue is ever base.
Fear God, &c.

Be not puffed up with that Sin of Pride,
That Evil the Lord cannot abide:
If ye do any good to any man,
Do not let him see'd' truly with it again.
But fear God, &c.

Do not be drunk in any thing,
The Scripture says it's a wicked Sin,
And serve the Lord and lose no time,
While you are in your youth and prime:
But fear God, &c.

Among not the Widows nor the Fatherless,
But relieve them in their weak distress,
The Lord will repay you ten times more,
'Tis a step to Heaven to relieve the poor:
But fear God and be at his command,
All things will prosper you take in hand.



Trust not your own will every day,
Nor of your Neighbour make a prey.
But what God Almighty he doth send,
My own dear Children be content:
Fear God, and keep his true Command,
All things will prosper you take in hand,

Don't be too proud in your own ways,
Nor seek not for to get a praise,
Do not a flattering Tongue believe,
Thou wilt fall you, and wilt you receive:
But fear God, &c.

Observe reverence to the Ancient say;
For by that you'll gain and get repose;
And do not use to mock and fear,
It's a cursed thing, pray have a care:
Fear God, &c.

Be carefull of the Sabbath day,
And be sure you go to Church and pray,
And mind the preaching of the word,
Great comfort it will you afford:
But be sure to keep the Lords Command,
All things will prosper you take in hand.

Do not Blaspheme the Lord of might,
To swear and swe it will sink you straight;
Take counsel of your doing Mother,
That has care of you above all other:
But be sure, &c.

Be not too fluent of your Tongue,
Vain speeches they will do you wrong,
He's a wise man that speaks the least,
Till a Man be call'd, that is the best:
Fear God, &c.

He's a fool that hates good counsel sure,
That with itching ears will not endure:
There's but one way that we can have,
And but one true way our souls to save:
Take Counsel of your Mother dear,
My own dear Children have a care.

God at the last be sure stand fast,
that Gods Willows may be your chiefest guide,
And have a care you be not cast,
for our mansfold and we must be try'd:
And fear God, &c.

My Children I'll bid you adieu,
these words I speak may bear in mind,
Love one another, and to God be true,
then you need not fear what Man is unkind,
And obey Gods Word and his Command,
Then he'll bless all things you take in hand.

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